

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE—
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Whereas the International Rescue Committee, which this year is marking the sixtieth anniversary of its founding, is a beacon of hope for the world's refugees, displaced by war, civil insurrection, ethnic conflict, political and religious persecution and famine;

Whereas in crisis after crisis—in Europe, Central America, Africa, and Asia—the field staff of the International Rescue Committee is often the first relief support on site to ease the suffering of refugees by stabilizing health conditions with critically needed sanitation, health care, and medical assistance;

Whereas the programs of the International Rescue Committee are also concerned with improving the quality of life for refugees by preparing them for a productive future through educating children and building new skills among adults;

Whereas often and whenever possible, programs implemented by the International Rescue Committee are ultimately turned over to the refugees themselves after they have been well trained by International Rescue Committee staff and volunteers;

Whereas the International Rescue Committee was founded in 1933 as a nonsectarian response to the increasing horrors of Nazi Germany;

Whereas as the need for humanitarian assistance expanded, so has the International Rescue Committee's commitment to refugees;

Whereas throughout the world, from Bosnia to Somalia, from Cambodia to El Salvador, the International Rescue Committee continues to aid refugees with medical assistance, shelter, food, and skills-training;

Whereas the International Rescue Committee also helps in repatriation or resettlement to assist refugees in starting their life anew;

Whereas in its sixty years of service, the International Rescue Committee has not only provided for victims of brutality and for those suffering from natural disasters with services essential for survival and the means to rebuild their lives, but also has given them reason to have renewed optimism in the compassion and goodwill of their fellow human beings; and

Whereas October 15, 1993, the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the International Rescue Committee, is an appropriate day on which to give recognition to the International Rescue Committee for its great humanitarian endeavors: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the International Rescue Committee, the Congress hereby recognizes the International Rescue Committee for its great humanitarian endeavors.

Agreed to October 18, 1993.